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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Title:	Brander Matthews Dramatic Library
ID:	15561143
ID [aspace_uri]:	/repositories/2/resources/6524
Date [inclusive]:	1562-1978
Physical Description:	6000 Volumes
Language of the Material:	English .

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Summary

The collection of about 6,000 volumes is particularly strong in English and American drama and in Molière. Records for the books are found in the card catalog; the books are classed with a Dewey call number preceded by a "D." The core of the collection comes from Dramatic Museum, with books divided between RBML, Burgess, & GL. These books are cataloged in Columbia's card catalogs, but have not been retrospectively converted. The collection also currently includes Classed Manuscripts. 40 titles in 46 volumes - a variety of manuscripts of plays and of works about the theater, from the late 19th and 20th century, cataloged as books with additional main entry card for each title is filed in the RBML Manuscripts/Documents card file.

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Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

All books in this collection are cataloged, and should be requested individually in CLIO.
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Related Materials

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The collections stemming from and relating to the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum are described and grouped under various collection names. The [Brander Matthews Papers, 1827-1967 \(MS#0854\)](#) also includes a number of separately cataloged items, such as bound volumes of correspondence with Theodore Roosevelt. The [Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum records, 1910-1971 \(MS#0364\)](#) (this collection) are the business records of the Dramatic Museum itself. The [Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum collection of documents relating to actors and theatrical managers, 1732-1995 \(MS#0365\)](#) is collection of letters, manuscripts, and documents of prominent actors, actresses, and theatrical managers. It consists largely of single, unrelated items. The [Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum collection of theatrical business records, 1864-1911 \(MS#0363\)](#) includes box office receipts, salaries, stage properties, and expenses, for American and English theaters and two American booking agents. The [Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum Ephemera, 1750-1970 \(MS#0366\)](#) contains a variety of formats dealing with the theater, chiefly American and English, in all its aspects including drama, opera, dance, movies, puppets, and spectacles. The majority of the material documents the 19th century and includes prints, photographs, pamphlets, clippings, playbills, and programs. This collection is divided into seven units: portrait file, subject file, program file, playbill file, scrapbooks, posters and lantern slides. The [Dramatic Museum Realia, 1700-1966 \(MS#0253\)](#) contains 391 puppets, 128 masks, and 30 stage models; Art and Theatrical Machinery are also part of this collection. The [Speech Recordings records, 1925-1965 \(MS#1182\)](#) contain sound recordings divided into four subunits--Speech Recordings Collection, Speech Laboratory Archives, Tape Recordings Collection, American Speech Recordings Collection. The [Edward B. Wisely music tape recordings, 1875-1940 \(MS#1364\)](#) Tape recordings of American, English, and Irish music hall and vaudeville stars. 1875-1940. 15 items.

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